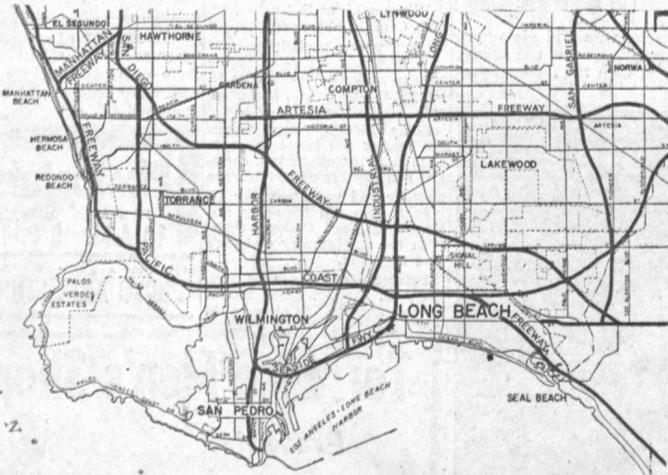


GREATEST COMMUNITY - WIDE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM STARTS DEC. 2

SAN DIEGO FREEWAY



PART OF THE PROPOSED San Diego freeway will cut through Torrance, as indicated on the above map prepared by the engineering department of the Automobile Club of Southern California. The freeway will connect San Fernando valley with San Diego. No date for its completion has been set so far. The 1956-57 budget provides \$1,500,000 for a borrow site in the Torrance-Lawndale area, according to an official of the California Division of Highways.

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Parade To Open Yule Season

The biggest and most beautiful community-wide Christmas program ever to be presented in Torrance will get under way December 2, the official opening of the Christmas season.

A spectacular Christmas parade, featuring bands, floats, mounted units, and a Santa Claus float, will launch the season Friday night, December 2, starting at 6 p.m. The parade, under the supervision of Sgt. D. C. Cook, Torrance Police Department, will wind through downtown Torrance.

Santa-Land
A beautifully decorated Santa-Land will be seen in Torrance for the first time. It will be set up in El Prado Park (corner of El Prado and Cravens) and will feature Santa Claus surrounded by his workshop, sleigh and reindeer and his North Pole home.

LATE BULLETIN: Santa Claus, who will appear in Santa-Land during the official Christmas celebration here, will appear on the Oscar Maples Ford Program channel (4) November 26, at 4:30 p.m. to tell all about the Christmas activities planned for Torrance.

Christmas programs will be presented on various nights of the holiday season at Santa-Land, including a Christmas play and caroling.

A sparkling automobile show will also be presented as an added attraction by local auto dealers. Featuring new 1956 models and entertainment, it will be held December 2 and 3 at Marcellina and Cravens.

Free Color TV Set
Friday night, December 9, a 19-inch color TV set will be given away free in Santa-Land. Details may be learned from any Torrance merchant.

This year's spectacular Christmas program has been organized through the Retail Merchants division of the Chamber of Commerce, with Tim Moore acting chairman of the Christmas committee.

Downtown street decorations have also been greatly improved over recent years with 21 strings of Christmas lights now decorating the business area as compared with 15 lines last year.

Man Admits Taking Safe

John T. Vasquez, 21, of 965 W. 12th st., Los Angeles, admitted burglarizing Glen's Auto Parts, 1324 Cabrillo, last week and stealing a 200 lbs. safe containing \$60, according to Torrance detectives.

The safe was recovered near Pasadena. The money was gone but personal papers were recovered. Vasquez formerly lived in this area and has a police record, detectives stated.

NEXT EDITION DECEMBER 1

This is the special Thanksgiving edition of the Torrance Press. The next edition of the Press will be published December 1, a week from this Thursday.

Up, Up, and Away!

DROWNED PLANE 'REVIVED' BY TORRANCE RESIDENT

From 300 feet below the surface of Shasta Lake to 14,000 feet over the southern part of Los Angeles. That's how the log book reads for the Republic Seabee amphibian airplane owned by Wayne Fether of 4814 Carnelynn avenue, Torrance.

Fether, a model builder at Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo division, has parlayed ingenuity, foresight, and an initial investment of a few hundred dollars into an airplane worth several thousand dollars.

Eccentric Millionaire
"The plane belonged to an eccentric millionaire who had it tied up to a floating dock at Bridge Bay Resort, Shasta Lake," Fether explains. "It developed a leak in the aft fuselage, and one day disappeared from sight into 300 feet of water, taking the dock down with it. Divers went down, retrieved the submerged airplane, and it ended up ashore badly soaked and damaged."

Fether heard through his uncle, Arthur Dunlap of Redding, Calif., of the airplane and "got up to Shasta Lake in a hurry." He found it on a hillside near the lake, the left wing badly torn, the fuselage damaged, and all the windows smashed.

Liked His Looks
"About a dozen people wanted to buy the airplane," he recalls, "but maybe the millionaire just liked my looks. At any rate, he sold it to me."

"I hauled the fly-less hulk over to my uncle's home in Redding, and stood back and looked at it, wondering if I'd made a mistake."

During the ensuing months, Fether made the 500 mile trip
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Airport Shopping Center

COUNCIL TO RECEIVE BIDS ON TRIANGLE

Bids will be received on the 35-acre airport triangle shopping center when the City Council meets tomorrow, Tuesday, November 22, at 7 p.m.

The Triangle was suddenly thrown open to bid when the original bidder, Store Properties, inc., asked to submit an amended lease proposal for the site.

With the property open to other bidders, George Binder, owner of a large segment of downtown Torrance commercial property, indicated that he would probably bid on the airport property.

Technical Change
Miles Blaine, of Coldwell-Banker, leasing agent for Store Properties, indicated that the amended lease only involves a technical change which takes into account the fact that there has been a change in company officials with the recent death of Samuel Genis, who was president of Store Properties.

"If the city accepts our lease Tuesday night, we plan to break ground in 90 days and have the stores open by fall of next year," Blaine stated.

He indicated that no announcement would be made Tuesday night concerning the firm's tenant program for the airport.

When asked whether negotiations were still going on or agreements concluded with a number of firms whose names were announced earlier this year, Blaine said that some tenants have been eliminated and others substituted.

Proposed Stores
Coldwell-Banker announced in May of this year that Panorama markets had leased 61,000 sq. ft. in the triangle and that application for 150,000 sq. ft. store had been made by Butler Bros. Negotiations were also under way with another well-known department store, it was announced at that time.

Negotiations were also going on with Woolworth's Lerner's dress shops, W. T. Grant co., Bank of America, C. H. Baker shoe co., Edison shoe co., and Bond's.

The 600,000 sq. ft. shopping center, designed for Store Properties, is located on the airport.
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The area involved is that bordered by Hawthorne ave., Del Amo Blvd., Torrance Blvd., and Redondo City boundary.

Powell told commissioners that the 162 registered voters were split three ways on the matter of annexation.

1) One-third were definitely in favor of annexation.
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Press Will Run Holiday Event List

The next edition of the Torrance Press will be published Thursday, December 1.

Starting with that edition, the Torrance Press will run a calendar of Christmas holiday events.

All religious, service and social organizations wishing to list events may mail them to the Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens ave.

Lists may be mailed now. All entries for the December 1 edition must be in by Friday, November 25, 10 a.m.

Information should list only the organization, event, date, time, and place.

Phone Co. Compromise Attempted

Attempts to iron out differences between the General Telephone co. and homeowners near the company's existing central office at 650 Palos Verdes Blvd. will be made tonight. Representatives of the two groups and the Planning Commission are scheduled to consider the matter, according to George Powell, Planning Commission director.

The phone company has come up with a new sketch which allegedly permits more off-street parking and minimizes the obstructiveness of the proposed new building.

The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting Wednesday night at 5 p.m. to consider the proposal.

New Officers For Harbor Chamber

New officers elected to guide the affairs of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce during 1956, its 40th year of service, are: L. O. Griffiths of Carson, president; and vice-presidents: Carl J. Hoffman of Los Angeles, William N. Donoghue of San Pedro; E. L. Jones of Long Beach, and William W. Jones of Lynwood.

Roscoe Sevier of Gardena was elected treasurer; and Iva F. MacDonnell of Gardena is secretary.

The Harbor District Chamber of Commerce represents a federation of 50 chambers of commerce, improvement associations and public service groups serving the Harbor area.

Big Results From Little Ads Grow...

She had a half-dozen items to sell and it only required one small ad in the Torrance Press classified section to do it.

That was the experience of Mrs. Glen Rogers of 5221 Milne drive who placed a classified ad in the Torrance Press.

"I had dozen of calls—even after all of the things were sold," Mrs. Rogers exclaimed pleased. She didn't even have to run to ad a second time as she had originally planned.

For instant results, place a classified ad in the Torrance Press. It's inexpensive and only takes a call or a visit to the Torrance Press. For calls, dial FA. 8-2345.

El Camino Schedules Gala Homecoming Day Events

Plans for a triple-headed program are being completed today by students of El Camino college, who will observe their traditional Homecoming day on Thanksgiving.

Opening the full schedule of activities will be a Homecoming banquet, which is scheduled for the college campus center at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23.

Co-chairman with Miss Jackie Pritchett for the dinner is Wes Cooley, president of the Associated Men Students on campus.

Among the entertainment highlights planned for the program is the performance of the "Faculty Four-plus-One," and the presentation of Miss Sandra Sherwood, 1955 Homecoming Queen, and her court, Princesses Maggie Tate and Miss Pritchett.

Opening Parade
Opening festivities on Homecoming day itself will be a program which will start at 10:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving day. A
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FIRST AID COURSE OFFERED

A First Aid course for police officers and interested individuals will be offered each Thursday night at 8 p.m. and each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Civil Defense building on Torrance Blvd. near Western ave.

This announcement was made by Assistant Chief Percy Bennett who stated that the course will be taught by Dr. Matthew J. Ellenhorn of the Torrance Emergency Medical Service. Wright's ambulance service will be on hand to put on demonstrations.

The course started Thursday but is still open for enrollment.

Arlington School Bid Accepted

Steps to improve the North Torrance school situation were taken by the Board of Education last week when it awarded the contract for the construction of the new Arlington school at 178th and Arlington.

Plans for the school have been in the making for some time, school officials indicated, and last week's action was but one of a number of routine developments.

Lowest of 12 bidders was Bill A. Smith and Son construction co. whose bid of \$350,636 was accepted by the board.

The new school will contain 12 classrooms and two kindergartens with completion set for July 18, 1956.

The school will relieve double sessions at the Crenshaw and
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Mayor To Recommend Parking Compromise

A compromise plan which will permit immediate action on off-street parking as well as long-range action through an assessment district will be proposed by Mayor Albert Isen tomorrow, it was learned this week.

The plan is intended to break a momentary impasse. The Chamber committee had proposed abandonment of the assessment district idea for the time being because it would take too much time. Suggestion was made to purchase a lot for off-street parking purposes through the use of the city's general funds and parking meter revenues.

Mayor Isen expressed himself as not wanting to see the assessment district idea dropped. He felt that this was part of the agreement when the council voted for parking meters.

The mayor's compromise plan calls for a \$15,000 contribution from the parking meter fund and \$35,000 from the city to be matched by \$50,000 from the major downtown property owners for the immediate purchase of a lot for off-street parking.

In the meantime, plans should continue for the establishment of an off-street parking assessment district. Once such a district is formed, the above \$100,000 are to be paid off again through the district and through parking meter revenues.

The council will meet with the off-street parking committee and a number of property holders tomorrow, Tuesday, at 4 p.m. in a pre-council meeting, it was stated.

LATE NEWS

Black Panther: No further reports on the black panther allegedly seen in WALTERIA Wednesday have been received. Police and pound officials who investigated the call Wednesday noticed large foot-prints but were unable to locate the animal reportedly sighted by a Walteria resident.

Anti-Rabies Shots: A total of 480 dogs were inoculated at the third clinic held in Torrance park Thursday night. While this was supposed to be the last clinic, one more will probably be held in order to give every dog owner a chance to have his dog vaccinated. The law requiring vaccination is now in effect.

What Attitude Should Teachers Take on Controversial Issues?

What classroom attitude should Torrance teachers take towards controversial issues?

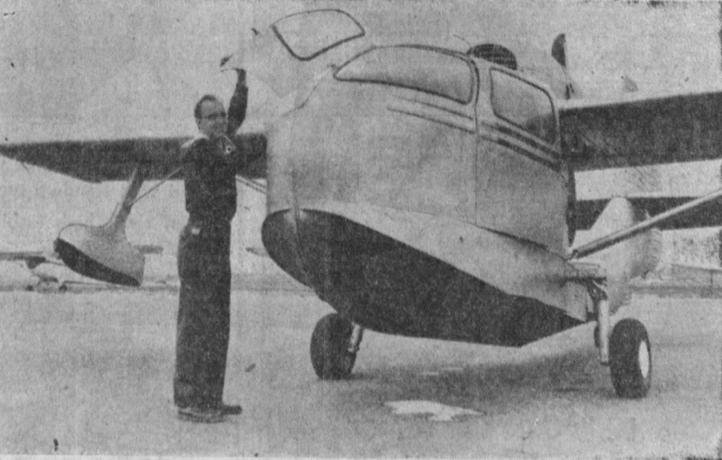
This question was posed before the Torrance Board of Education at its last meeting and a model statement of policy was submitted for study and consideration by Albert Posner, assistant superintendent, educational services.

The policy statement was developed by a number of school systems whose city population is in excess of 200,000. The statement of policy presently considered by the Torrance board is identical with that adopted by Long Beach. It reads as follows:

Controversial Issues
"Democracy is not controversial in America. We believe in it. Communism and fascism are not controversial in America. We do not believe in them.

"Controversial issues arise from the conflicts in the cherished interests, beliefs, or affiliations of large groups of our citizens. Controversial issues are important proposals or policies concerning which our citizens hold different points of view.

"Controversial issues are those on which conflicting views
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FROM A "SUBMARINE" TO 14,000 FEET—Torrance resident Wayne Fether, a model builder at Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo division, is shown with the four-place Republic

Seabee amphibian airplane which he reconditioned into a flyable craft after it was pulled from 300 feet of water in Shasta Lake.

This Issue Packed with Thanksgiving Bargains